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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 23 - 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 23 - 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the action filed on 2/11/2010, in which claim 26 was added, and claims 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 23 - 26 are presented for further examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/12/2010 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 23 - 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection necessitated by the amendment.

Remarks

4. As per applicant argument regarding newly added claim 26, see details rejection below.

As per applicant argument on pages 12 - 13 that Britt Jr. (US 2002/0032785) and de Jong (US 2004/0054750) either alone, or in combination fails to disclose the portal site

data providing device being placed at places such as a portable telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes.

In response to applicant's argument, Examiner respectively responds that Dosch (US 2002/0069364) specifically disclose the portal site data providing device being placed at places such as a portable telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes. (para.[0012]; *Furthermore, the internet terminal can activate itself automatically for communication with the identification module when the identification module is coupled to the internet terminal, e.g. by insertion of the identification module into the internet terminal. Furthermore, the internet terminal can establish the connection exclusively after communication with an identification module which contains key data enabling the internet terminal, and* para.[0031]; *FIG. 3 shows a system 30 which is e.g. suited for use at home or in the office, the system comprising a cordless connection to the public telephone network 23.*).

Dosch teaches internet terminal that provides access to information server. Identification modules (SIM) which can be designed as contact-type chip card or as a contactless transponder are inserted into the internet terminal, configuration data are retrieved from the inserted SIM card and the retrieved information are used to provide access to the information server (para.[0012]).

The internet terminal can be suited at home or office (para.[0031]). Thus, Examiner interprets internet terminal as equipment that can be place for used at shop/store as claimed.

5. Thus, Examiner maintains the rejection.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. An IDS filed on 3/1/2010 has been considered by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- 7a. Regarding claims 23 - 26, the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).
- 7b. Regarding claims 23 - 26, the phrase "or the like" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 23, 6 – 12, and 24 – 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britt Jr. et al (US 2002/0032785), in view of Dosch (US 2002/0069364).

As per claim 23, Britt Jr. discloses,

A portal site data providing system for reading an ID from a memory card of a portable terminal (abstract, para.[0009], and para.[0040]) where server using the identification module on wireless computing device to identify use is "portal site data providing device for reading an ID from a memory card of a portable terminal" as claimed.

receiving a user-input portal specifying information and storing in the memory card of the portable terminal a portal site address for the portable terminal to subsequently access a portal site built according to the user-input portal specifying information (para.[0021], para.[0025], and para.[0044] – para.[0046]) where wireless computing device storing and processing user-specified information is "receiving a user-input portal specifying information and storing in the memory card of the portable terminal a portal site address for the portable terminal to subsequently access a portal site " as claimed.

comprising: a portal site data providing device having a display functioning as a user input and a card reader/writer for reading/writing data from/to the memory card when the memory card is inserted in the card reader/writer (para.[0044] – para.[0046]) where

and a portal managing server connected to the portal site data providing device via a network (para.[0019] – para.[0020]) where portal server retrieving user specified information from other server is “portal managing server connected to the portal site data providing device via a network” as claimed.

the portal site data providing device reading the ID from a memory card inserted in the card reader/writer and transmitting the ID to the portal managing server for authentication by the portal managing server (para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where portal server validating identification data on SIM card is “portal site data providing device reading the ID from a memory card inserted in the card reader/writer and transmitting the ID to the portal managing server for authentication by the portal managing server” as claimed.

the portal site data providing device further including: a data reading/writing processing unit for reading/writing data from/to the memory card of the portable terminal inserted in the card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit arranged to read the ID from the memory card (para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where GSM system validating the SIM is “portal site data providing device further including: a data reading/writing processing unit for reading/writing data from/to the memory card of the portable terminal inserted in the card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit arranged to read the ID from the memory card” as claimed.

a communication processing unit for transmitting the ID read from the memory card to the portal managing server (para.[0028] and para.[0044]) where

communication interface for transmitting identification information on SIM card to portal server is “communication processing unit for transmitting the ID read from the memory card to the portal managing server” as claimed.

a portal specifying information receiving device for receiving a user-input portal specifying information specifying user selection from among a plurality of portal site content options generated by the portal managing server (para.[0018] - para.[0021]) where computing device receiving user specified information is “portal specifying information receiving device for receiving a user-input portal specifying information specifying user selection from among a plurality of portal site content options generated by the portal managing server” as claimed.

and a portal site data providing device for transmitting the user-input portal specifying information to the portal managing server and for receiving, from the portal managing server, a corresponding user-specific portal site address data indicating an address for the portable terminal to subsequently access the portal site specified by the user-input portal specifying information (para.[0018] - para.[0021], para.[0025], and para.[0033]) where server 110 generates a unique, personalized Web page for each user containing links to all, or a subset of, the information and/or services subscribed to by the user is “transmitting the user-input portal specifying information to the portal managing server and for receiving, from the portal managing server, a corresponding user-specific portal site address data indicating an address for the portable terminal to subsequently access the portal site specified by the user-input portal specifying information” as claimed.

wherein the data reading/writing processing unit is arranged to store the corresponding user-specific portal site address data appended to the ID read from the memory card in the memory card of the portable terminal (para.[0021] and para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where storing user data on SIM card is “the data reading/writing processing unit is arranged to store the corresponding user-specific portal site address data appended to the ID read from the memory card in the memory card of the portable terminal” as claimed.

and the portal managing server further including: a transmitting/receiving unit for performing transmission/reception of the data between portal managing server and the portal site data providing device (para.[0019] – para.[0020] where portal server retrieving specified information from other server is “portal managing server further including: a transmitting/receiving unit for performing transmission/reception of the data between portal managing server and the portal site data providing device” as claimed.

a user authentication unit for authenticating the ID read out from the memory card as identification data peculiar to the user (para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where validating identification module data from SIM card is “user authentication unit for authenticating the ID read out from the memory card as identification data peculiar to the user” as claimed.

a portal site building unit for building a portal site based on portal information supplied by the user (para.[0019] – para.[0020]) where server generating personalized

web page based on user specified information is "portal site building unit for building a portal site based on portal information supplied by the user" as claimed.

a contents managing unit for managing website contents which can be contained in the portal site for the user (para.[0003] – para.[0005]) where managing portal data is "managing website contents which can be contained in the portal site for the user" as claimed.

and a respective user portal information storage unit showing configurations of portal sites for each user of the system (para.[0007] – para.[0008] and para.[0018]) where server including user database for storing user configuration and account data is "user portal information storage unit showing configurations of portal sites for each user of the system" as claimed, Britt Jr. does not specifically disclose the portal site data providing device being placed at places such as a portable telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes. However, Dosch in an analogous art discloses the above limitation (fig.3, para.[0026], and para.[0031]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Dosch into Britt Jr. to include the portal site data providing device being placed at places such as a portable telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes. The modification would be obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a system that simplifies the establishment of a connection to the internet.

Claims 6 and 7 are device claim corresponding to device claims 2 and 4 respectively, and rejected under the same reason set forth in connection to the rejection of claim 2 and 4 respectively above.

As per claim 8, the rejection of claim 7 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein: the portal specifying information receiving device is arranged to receive website specifying information for selecting and specifying a website displayed on the display device (para.[0006] – para.[0008] - para.[0018] – para.[0021]) where specifying different types of information is ‘portal specifying information receiving device is arranged to receive website specifying information for selecting and specifying a website displayed on the display device” as claimed.

and the portal site data providing device comprises: a portal screen data building device arranged for building a portal screen data which shows display data related to an address data accessible to the website selected and specified according to the website specifying information received from the portal managing server (para.[0018] – para.[0021] and para.[0048]) where server generating personalized Web page is “building a portal screen data which shows display data related to an address data accessible to the website selected and specified according to the website specifying information” as claimed.

and wherein the address data storage device comprises a portal screen data storage device for storing the portal screen data built by the portal screen data

building device in the memory card of the portable terminal through the data reading/writing device (para.[0018] – para.[0021]) where storing non-user-specified information in wireless computing device is "storing the portal screen data built by the portal screen data building device in the memory medium of the portable terminal through the data reading/writing device" as claimed.

As per claim 9, the rejection of claim 7 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein: the portal specifying information receiving device is arranged to receive website specifying information for selecting and specifying a website displayed on the display device (para.[0018] – para.[0021] and para.[0048])

the portal site data providing device comprises a portal information transmitting device for transmitting the website specifying information as the portal information to the portal managing server which manages portal information of the user present on a network (para.[0018] – para.[0021], para.[0033], and para.[0039])

and the address data stored in the memory card of the portable terminal by the address data storage device is an address data accessible to a portal site built by the portal managing server according to the portal information transmitted to the portal managing server (para.[0006] – para.[008] and para.[0018] – para.[0021]).

As per claim 10, the rejection of claim 9 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein the portal information transmitting device is arranged to transmit an identification data specific to a user, which is inputted through the portal specifying information receiving device, to the portal managing server by including it in the website specifying information (para.[0009] and para.[0040]).

As per claim 11, the rejection of claim 9 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

comprising an identification data reading-out device for reading out identification data specific to a user being stored in advance in the memory card of the portable terminal through the data reading/writing device (para.[0009], para.[0040], and para.[0046])

wherein the portal information transmitting device is arranged to transmit the identification data read out by the identification data reading-out device to the portal managing server by including it to the website specifying information (para.[0009], para.[0040], and para.[0046]).

As per claim 12, the rejection of claim 24 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein the portable terminal is a GSM-type portable telephone, and the memory card of the portable terminal is a removable SIM card, and

wherein the portal site data providing device includes a card reader/writer for receiving the removable SIM card and reading data from and writing data to the removable SIM card (para.[0044] – para.[0046])

Claim 24 is a method claim anticipating system claim 23, and rejected under the same reason set forth in connection to the rejection of claim 23 above.

Claim 25 is a computer program product claim anticipating system claim 23, and rejected under the same reason set forth in connection to the rejection of claim 23 above.

9. Claims 26 and 2 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Britt Jr. et al (US 2002/0032785), in view of Farrugia et al (US 2002/0100798), and further in view of Dosch (US 2002/0069364).

As per claim 26, Dosch discloses,

A portal site data providing device connected to a portal managing server via a /network (para.[0016] – para.[0019] where user devices connecting to server through network is “portal site data providing device connected to a portal managing server via a network” as claimed.

the portal site data providing device storing, in a memory card of a portable terminal, data which enables making an access to a portal site desired by a user or a portal site having a link to a desired website provided in advance by

receiving it from another device without operating the portable terminal

(para.[0027] – para.[0028]) where providing all the information necessary for connection ahead of time is “the portal site data providing device storing, in a memory card of a portable terminal, data which enables making an access to a portal site desired by a user or a portal site having a link to a desired website provided in advance by receiving it from another device without operating the portable terminal” as claimed.

said portal site data providing device comprising: a display functioning as a user input device (fig.3)

a card reader/writer for reading/writing data from/to a storing area of a memory card of the portable terminal when the memory card is inserted in the card reader/writer (para.[0020]) where smart card is equipped with card reader is “card reader/writer for reading/writing data from/to a storing area of a memory card of the portable terminal when the memory card is inserted in the card reader/writer” as claimed.

Britt Jr. et al discloses,

a data reading/writing processing unit for reading/writing data from/to the memory card of the portable terminal inserted in the card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit arranged to read an ID from the memory card (para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where GSM system validating the SIM is “portal site data providing device further including: a data reading/writing processing unit for reading/writing data from/to the memory card of the portable terminal inserted in the

card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit arranged to read the ID from the memory card" as claimed.

a communication unit for communicating with the portal managing server on the network and transmitting the ID read from the memory card to the portal managing server for authentication (para.[0028] and para.[0044]) where communication interface for transmitting identification information on SIM card to portal server is "communication unit for communicating with the portal managing server on the network and transmitting the ID read from the memory card to the portal managing server for authentication" as claimed.

a portal specifying information receiving device for receiving a user- input portal site specifying information specifying user selection from among a plurality of portal site content options generated by the portal managing server (para.[0018] - para.[0021]) where computing device receiving user specified information is "portal specifying information receiving device for receiving a user-input portal specifying information specifying user selection from among a plurality of portal site content options generated by the portal managing server" as claimed.

and a portal site data providing device for transmitting the user--input portal specifying information to the portal managing server and for receiving from the portal managing server, a corresponding user--specific portal site address data indicating an address for the portable terminal to subsequently access the portal site specified by the user-input portal specifying information (para.[0018] - para.[0021], para.[0025], and para.[0033]) where server 110 generates a unique,

personalized Web page for each user containing links to all, or a subset of, the information and/or services subscribed to by the user is “transmitting the user-input portal specifying information to the portal managing server and for receiving, from the portal managing server, a corresponding user-specific portal site address data indicating an address for the portable terminal to subsequently access the portal site specified by the user-input portal specifying information” as claimed.

wherein the data reading/writing processing unit is arranged to store the corresponding user-specific portal site address data appended to the ID read from the memory card in the memory card of the portable terminal (para.[0021] and para.[0044] – para.[0048]) where storing user data on SIM card is “the data reading/writing processing unit is arranged to store the corresponding user-specific portal site address data appended to the ID read from the memory card in the memory card of the portable terminal” as claimed.

It would have been obvious to Farrugia with Britt Jr., because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to deploy smart card based application without requiring installation of smart card reader at all the various location from which user might desire to access the application.

Neither Britt Jr. nor Farrugia specifically discloses wherein the display, the card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit, the communication unit, the portal specifying information receiving device, and the portal site data providing device which comprise the portal site data providing device are places such as a portable

telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes. However, Dosch in an analogous art discloses the above limitation (para.[0012] and para.[0031]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Dosch into the combine teaching of Britt Jr. and Farrugia to include wherein the display, the card reader/writer, the data reading/writing processing unit, the communication unit, the portal specifying information receiving device, and the portal site data providing device which comprise the portal site data providing device are places such as a portable telephone shop, a convenience store, and the like where a user goes. The modification would be obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to provide a system that simplifies the establishment of a connection to the internet.

As per claim 2, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein the display device displays portal contents information showing the contents of various portal sites (para.[0006] – para.[0007]) where displaying various information on a single web page is “displaying portal contents information showing the contents of various portal sites” as claimed.

the display device being arranged to read the portal contents information from a portal contents information storage apparatus in which the portal contents information is stored in advance (para.[0006] – para.[0007] and para.[0018] – para.[0019]) where retrieving pre-configure information is “read the portal contents

information from a portal contents information storage apparatus in which the portal contents information is stored in advance" as claimed.

As per claim 3, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein the portable terminal is a GSM-type portable telephone, and the memory card of the portable terminal is a SIM card (para.[0044]).

As per claim 4, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further Britt Jr. et al discloses,

wherein the portal contents information stored in the portal contents information storage apparatus is information regarding various websites which can be accessed in advance through the portal site (para.[0018] – para.[0021]).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AUGUSTINE OBISESAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2020. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pierre Vital can be reached on 571-272-4215. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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